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Wedgworth Packinghouse burns



STILL SMOLDERING—The Wedgworth Packinghouse on Northwest Ninth Street was destroyed in an early morning fire on Wednesday, March 1. The building was in the process of being demolished by the owners, so no value was set on the structure, which was built in 1936.

Hamilton. Fire trucks put out the blaze and kept the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings. The building hadn't been used since the 1970s. It was built in 1936 and opened in 1937, according to company spokesman Dennis Wedgworth.

When the 300-by-100 foot wooden structure was built in the mid-1930s, Wedgworth said it was the first hydro cooling plant in South Florida. The nearest pre-cooler of its kind was in Sarasota.

Mr. Wedgworth's grandfather, Herman Wedgworth, died in the packinghouse in 1938 when a scaffolding broke and equipment fell on him.

His grandmother, Ruth Wedgworth, took over her husband's business after her death and continued to run the successful company until her death in December of 1994.

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Power plant wants to build in Belle Glade

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A electric power generating company is interested in building in the Belle Glade Business Park.

Representatives of Coastal Power Company, based in Houston, Texas, addressed the Belle Glade City Commission Monday night about the possibility of leasing 50 acres in the park.

David Sims, regional managing director for Coastal's North America division, told commissioners his company wants to build a power plant on the back 50 acres of the 100-acre business park.

Coastal wants to set up a 500 megawatt facility which would use natural gas to produce enough electricity to serve over 175,000 households. Mr. Sims said the plant would use treated wastewater in the cooling cycle, up to 4.5 million gallons a day. He said they could utilize all of the city's treated wastewater and would need additional wastewater from other areas to supplement their needs.

During the construction phase, the company would use up to 200 skilled craftsmen and the plant could provide 20-25 full time jobs.

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Belle Glade raises cost on numerous user fees

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Residents will reach a little deeper into their pockets if they plan to play golf at the city's golf course, rent the civic centers or the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion, or if they have a false alarm through their home security system.

The Belle Glade City Commission voted Monday night to raise user fees on over 30 items in an effort to find additional money for the city.

Commissioners voted unanimously to charge a \$2 monitoring fee per alarm user in the city. This fee will affect only Glades Alarm Service, the solitary vendor who is wired directly into the Belle Glade

Police Department. When contacted about the increased fees, Joey Lakatos, owner of Glades Alarm Service, said he was not aware the item was on Monday night's agenda and he could not say whether or not he would be passing the \$2 fee on to his customers. "I'll have to find out more about this first," he said.

Lakatos has over 300 customers in Belle Glade and the city will raise over \$600 a month by charging the user fee. They also voted to charge \$25 per false alarm call to the homeowner if the police department had to respond to more than five calls at a residence. Nine false alarms and over will cost the

homeowner \$50 per call. Rental fees for the Belle Glade and Lakeshore Civic Centers will increase from \$150 to \$200 and organizations who were paying \$60 will now pay \$75. (The Belle Glade Civic Center is currently closed for renovations.)

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If you're going to fast, don't make it last

March 8 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. For many Christians, Lent is a time of prayer. For some, it is also a time of fasting.

Many religions observe periods of fasting. These fasts may vary. For example fasting may involve going without food from sunup to sundown, eating one meal a day or eating no meat.

From a nutritional stand-

point, short fasts can be beneficial. People sometimes fast to help cleanse their systems and to prepare for a change in eating habits.

Sometimes fasts are ordered by a doctor. For example, a patient may be required to fast before a specific medical test or before surgery.

While there are a variety of legitimate reasons to fast, losing weight is rarely one of them. Fasting is generally an

ineffective way to diet. There are of course some exceptions where the very obese are put on a doctor-monitored fast. But for most people, fasting just makes it harder to lose weight. According to "Low Fat Living," by the editors of Prevention Magazine, when the human body is deprived of food, the metabolism slows down to conserve energy.

If you are fasting for medical reasons, of course you should

follow your doctor's orders.

But if you are fasting for religious reasons, there are a few things to consider.

* If you are under a doctor's care for any health problem, check with the doctor before going on a fast. Most religions allow their followers to skip fasting if it creates a health problem. For example, diabetics cannot fast because they must eat often to keep their blood sugar levels stable.

* If you are pregnant or a nursing mother, strict fasting could be dangerous both for you and for the child. Consult with both your doctors before going on a fast.

* Make sure you drink plenty of water. In most cases, the human body can go without food for several days without serious problems. However, you cannot go without water.

* If your fast means that you do not eat meat, make sure you

eat protein in another form, such as fish, cheese or legumes.

* Pay attention to warning signs such as dizziness, feeling faint or light-headed.

Fasting for more than a day at a time can create health risks. Unless your doctor has approved it, don't try to go several days without food.

Of course, before making any change in your diet or exercise routine, you should always check with your doctor.

ER Chronicles: It was an overuse injury

Randy wasn't afraid of hard work. He had the week off from his job managing a Wal-Mart store, so he happily volunteered to help tear off his cousin's roof.

It was warm for March, and Randy made sure he drank plenty of Gatorade each hour he was up on that roof in the warm sun. He pulled, he yanked, nail after nail after nail.

By the end of the first day, Randy was tired and a bit sunburned.

"Yeah, I'm tired, but it's a good tired," he told his cousin's wife at the dinner table. "I'll be ready for the next round tomorrow!"

He noticed some soreness in his right forearm, the next morning, but climbed back up on the roof. At lunchtime, that arm was aching, but Randy finished eating and kept pulling nails from the roof.

As he climbed down the ladder at the end of this long day, Randy's arm hurt continuously, even to just hold onto a ladder rung. He was quite happy that the job was finally done.

He took some ibuprofen at bedtime. When he awakened the next morning, the soreness in his right arm prevented even lifting that hand. He touched the top of that forearm, and didn't like the sensation that followed.

Being right-handed, Randy knew that he would be pretty worthless at work if his arm was like this on Wednesday when he was due back at the Wal-Mart.

His doctor's office was closed. Randy headed for the ER.

After an ER nurse triaged Randy, recorded vital signs, and, of course, touched the tender spot on his arm, he followed the nurse to an ER bed. The sign above the bed said "Non-Emergency Room 4."

"I'm glad I'm 'non-emergency' today," Randy thought. He heard a man yelling out of a room down the hall, and the words he heard made him glad he didn't bring his young son with him today.

It was only a few minutes before the emergency physician

walked up to Randy's bed.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez," she said, extending her hand toward Randy. "I've heard that your arm is causing trouble."

Randy nodded, but waved off shaking the doctor's hand. It would hurt his arm too much. He pointed to the sore area as Cortez began feeling the wrist and elbow.

"Have you been doing anything physical with this arm and hand recently?" she asked as her fingers slid toward the tender spot.

Randy winced with the pain, and went on to describe his past two days of roof work.

"And I am right-handed," he added. "Do you think I hurt it because of the work?"

Without answering the question, Cortez asked him to raise and lower his hand as she kept a light touch on the top of his forearm.

"Mmmm," she groaned. "Did you feel that? That rough, grinding feeling here on these tendons?"

"Huh?" Randy was puzzled. "You have a form of ten-

donitis," Cortez said with a sound of certainty in her voice. "It's what we call an 'overuse injury,' a pretty common thing."

After a couple questions, Cortez continued. "Usually, this will resolve with rest of the arm, putting some heat on it, and taking an anti-inflammatory medicine."

"How long?" Randy asked.

"Well, if you take care of it properly, it should be about back to normal in a few days."

After a couple more questions about his job, Cortez left Randy and headed back to her desk to do the paperwork for him.

The man down the hall was still yelling vulgarities, and Randy could hear them even though the door to that man's room was closed. Randy shook his head, then grimaced as he heard a young child and her mother on the other side of his room curtain.

He saw the nurse approaching with his paperwork.

"Quite a ruckus down here, huh?"

The nurse frowned, but didn't answer the question directly.

They went over the instructions from the doctor, and Randy tucked the prescription into his shirt pocket. The nurse then applied a sling to his right arm.

"This will serve as a reminder for you, Randy, so you won't be tempted to use that hand for a couple days."

"Thanks."

He headed for the door, with the cursing man's booming voice following him all the way out to the waiting room.

Randy was glad he didn't have to wait very long at the ER today.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency

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Concerned about drugs

"I'm a concerned citizen who lives in Pahokee. I have called the Mayor about this situation. I have called the City Manager about this situation. Nothing has been done. On Amerillis Court and Daniels Avenue there are people who are smoking drugs and there is prostitution.

I hope you can help us with this to get something done about this situation."

Editor's note: We will follow up on this.

Rundown apartments

"I'm a taxpayer here in the City of Belle Glade and a landlord. I'd like to know why the City doesn't do anything about the rundown apartments. They are vacant and people are going in there and smoking drugs. They could rape or kill someone. They could set these buildings on fire.

I wonder why the City Inspector doesn't do something about this. They make those of us who have rental properties keep our property up and give us a hard time, but they don't make these landlords tear their buildings down or fix them up.

I'm a concerned taxpayer here in Belle Glade. Thank you."

Doesn't like emission testing

"How come I move to Palm Beach County and have to get my emissions systems checked in my car? I live across from a plant that pumps out tons of smoke 24/7 and all their farm equipment is burning diesel."

Editor's note: Emission testing for newer cars may soon be a thing of the past. Legislation is in the works to discontinue testing on newer model cars, but older cars will still probably require testing.

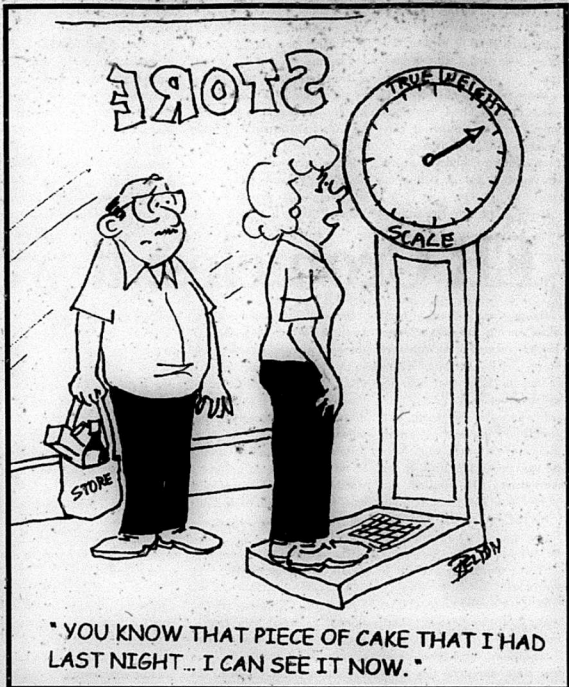
City employees working on private property?

"Is it true that our Mayor, Harma Miller had City employees working around her house recently?

If this is true, let's find out what's going on. Don't brush it under the rug or not put this in Speak Out. Let's get to the bottom of this and see what's going on."

Editor's note: We spoke with Mayor Harma Miller. She says this caller is not correct and the accusation is without merit.

"No city employees have worked around my house. This is totally untrue," she said.



Letters to the Editor

Kudos for SHIP project

Dear Editor:

It is with tremendous pride that I write this letter to encourage the efforts of the Senior HIV Intervention Project (SHIP). What is most comforting about this organization is that it is structured of clergymen from various denominations coming together to fight the spread of the deadliest disease ever known to mankind. Recently, the HIV virus has been most deadly to African-Americans, in particular, African-American women. It has been spreading in the senior community at an alarming rate. This disease does not recognize age, race, or any of the petty differences our society may use to divide itself. SHIP has effectively brought communities together from Miami to the Palm Beaches and places in between to spread the message about the importance of screening, drug prevention,

and abstinence or safe sex.

The SHIP organization has done a tremendous job of heightening the awareness of HIV prevention. It is now time for the community to give back to the SHIP project. The community can give back by standing up and being counted in the upcoming census, so that SHIP can receive the proper funding to stay afloat and continue spreading a message that this is critical to the survival of so many people.

Once again, I applaud the efforts of each member of the clergy who is involved with the SHIP project. It is through your support that lives have been saved. I encourage you to keep spreading the message.

Sincerely,
Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

Identifying last week's picture

I had several people call in to identify the people in last week's paper in the section "Looking Back 27 Years Ago." Many recognized Lee Berryhill, who was third from right in the photo. Mr. Berryhill was tragically killed in a car accident at John Stretch Park several years ago. Another caller said they thought the first gentleman in the photo was a Mr. Coffee, but they didn't know his first name. We appreciate everyone who called to help us out with the photo identification.

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By Ed Hunter

Although support varies depending on the cost of the remedies, most Floridians are willing to pay for restoring the Everglades to their original condition, a new University of Florida study shows.

J. Walter Milon, a natural resources specialist with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, said he was not surprised to find most Floridians supported Everglades restoration - to a point.

"The average respondent indicated a clear willingness to pay for Everglades restoration," Milon said. "But they quite clearly have an upper limit on how much they are willing to pay. It's not an unbounded thing this must be restored at any cost" kind of response.

"This shouldn't be too surprising. Very few people would support giving state government and federal agencies a blank check and let them go and do whatever is necessary," he said.

State and federal agencies have spent years assessing how best to repair the River of Grass. Researchers say fertilizer run-off and partial draining to create land for homes and farms this century have done serious damage to the Everglades' wildlife habitat. Congress is expected to take action next year on a \$7.8 billion plan to restore the ecosystem's water flow, while the state has slated millions of additional dollars for clean-up.

The survey, which Milon did in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was conducted by interviewing 480 randomly-selected South and Central Florida households. A majority of the participants supported plans that allowed for partial restoration of water flow and wildlife that imposed minimal costs, such as moderate restrictions on water use and annual costs of about \$25 per household.

Milon said one goal of the survey was to try to quantify for decision-makers the level of support for Everglades restoration among the public.

"The primary intent was to try to identify what public preferences are for restoration of the Everglades ecosystem, recognizing that the Everglades is a fairly complex system and the whole process of restoration has a lot of different components to it," Milon said. "So it was a way of trying to take a very complicated problem and

boil it down into something that was relatively simple that could be understood by the general public and still relate to the restoration planning process."

But Milon cautioned that, even the results of this survey should not be taken as a guarantee that politicians won't hear complaints if they try to impose a tax to pay for the restoration.

"It's not clear that these measures of willingness to pay directly translate into 'Yeah, I'm willing to write you a tax check for this amount,'" Milon said. "We have to be careful to caution that good intentions don't necessarily mean good actions."

Survey participants were shown a video designed to give them some background on the issues to be addressed in the survey. They then were asked to indicate their preference on a series of historical conditions versus making no changes. To help participants evaluate each choice, the survey included the cost of each option.

Based on the participant's choices, researchers derived a measure of "net willingness to pay," or WTP, that indicated in dollars the net benefit to the homeowner of each proposed plan. A positive WTP indicated the plan would benefit the homeowner economically; a negative WTP reflected an economic cost.

Milon said the highest WTP can be thought of as the maximum benefit of full restoration if the full costs were paid by the federal government. For example, the maximum WTP for full water flow restoration with the federal government footing the bill is \$60 to \$70-per household per year. That amount is reduced by whatever cost Floridians must pay, he said.

"As the typical Florida household has to pay more, whether in terms of some tax on current utility bills, or people in South Florida in terms of some additional restrictions on water use, then those benefits decline," Milon said. "This is the public's perception of the gains from those environmental improvements."

"It is not so much that this amount accrues to them in their pocket, but it's something that's perceived by them to be good, and what we do is provide a measure of the environmental benefits from alternative plans to restore the Everglades in terms of dollars," he said.

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GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S GYMNASIUM was filled last Friday with science projects from the elementary school students. Sixth grade students Rachel McGee and Matthew Lettera are shown above with their projects. Rachel did hers on the Taj Mahal and Matthew's is about the Great Wall of China.

Census Bureau needs workers to deliver questionnaires

Starting immediately, local Census Bureau offices will intensify efforts to recruit hundreds of local residents to perform temporary Census 2000 jobs. These residents will begin work in March delivering Census 2000 questionnaires to households which have predominantly non city-style addresses for mail delivery, such as general delivery, rural route box numbers or post office boxes. They will also update and make any necessary corrections and/or additions to census maps and address lists as they deliver the questionnaires.

"Our goal is to have a pool of local people who are committed to a successful census in their neighborhoods," said Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt. "Hiring

local residents familiar with their communities is crucial for a successful Census 2000 count." The temporary, well-paying jobs are ideal for students, retirees and others seeking part-time work. Requirements for census employment include the following: be 18 or over, pass a short test of basic skills, have a valid social security number, and males born after 12/31/59 must be registered with the Selective Service.

The Census Bureau is determined to make Census 2000 as accurate as possible without imposing undue burden on the public. Besides its constitutional purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives and its use in legislative redistricting, an

accurate census will help determine the share of federal program funds local communities receive over the next decade.

By law, personal information collected in the census is confidential and cannot be revealed for 72 years. Violations of this law can result in fines and imprisonment.

Data gathered by local census offices will affect decisions on many matters of local importance, including education, employment, lending, veterans' services, public health care, rural development, the environment, transportation and housing.

For more information about obtaining temporary Census 2000 employment, call 1-888-325-7733 toll free.

Scientists still don't have answers on Andrew



Mike Lyons

It is the most thoroughly examined hurricane in United States history. More researchers have conducted more studies on Hurricane Andrew than any other storm.

Yet, despite nearly eight years of investigation, scientists are still unable to answer one very basic question about Andrew: What were the storm's peak winds?

Andrew came onshore in southern Miami-Dade county, the heart of the hurricane research community. No place on earth has more experts in tropical meteorology than South-Florida. Yet, the storm was so powerful just about every reliable anemometer was destroyed.

One automated station on Fowey Rocks, located in Biscayne Bay, recorded a five second peak gust of 169 mph. Winds reached 164 mph at the National Hurricane Center and a peak gust of 163 mph was recorded at the Turkey Point Power Plant.

Some amateur meteorolo-

gists reported their home anemometers recorded wind gusts of 177 mph. And a study by the Hurricane Research Laboratory conducted several days after Andrew hit, suggested wind gusts of 205 mph.

Chances are we may never know the exact wind speed of Hurricane Andrew. We do know that it was not the strongest storm in history. That dubious honor belongs to Typhoon Tia, a huge hurricane that developed in the Northwest Pacific Ocean in October of 1979. Tia had a central pressure of 870 millibars (the lowest ever recorded) and estimated sustained winds of 190 mph.

Typhoon Nancy, which formed in the same area of the Pacific in 1961, reportedly had sustained winds of 213 mph. But, hurricane researchers now believe the maximum sustained winds of typhoons during that period were too high.

In our part of the world, both Hurricane Camille, the storm that hit Mississippi in 1969, and Hurricane Allen, which struck Texas in 1980, had estimated winds of 190 mph.

The key word in all of those reports is "estimated." Since these mighty storms have a nasty habit of destroying all the anemometers, we can only estimate their wind speed. Their actual wind speed may never be known.

So, theoretically, how powerful could a hurricane become.

Is 200 mph the top of the scale or could a hurricane produce a more powerful gust of wind?

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professor Kerry Emmanuel says under the right conditions a hurricane could produce winds of 500 mph. Emmanuel calls his super storm a hypercane. This hypercane could only be created, Emmanuel says, if a series of very unusual events took place.

First, a giant meteor would have to land in the tropical Atlantic. In addition to making huge waves, the meteor would heat large regions of the ocean to over 120 degrees. Since hurricanes become stronger as the ocean temperature rises, Emmanuel's theoretical calculations predict the hypercane's winds would reach 900 mph.

The "good news" is the hypercane would be small, only about 15 miles across. Still, computer models suggest that the hypercane would send clouds and moisture 25 miles into the atmosphere. And if this huge storm ever made landfall it would make Andrew look like a walk in the park.

Emmanuel admits the chances of a hypercane actually forming are small. That's fine with me, since, like you, I'm more concerned about non-theoretical storms like Floyd and Irene.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS



William Casey Roberts

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is seeking citizens to help locate William Casey Roberts who is wanted for low or lascivious battery.

Roberts is a black male, 5'10" tall, and weighs 160 pounds.

He has black hair and brown eyes and a scar on his left arm. His date of birth is November 11, 1961.

His last known address was 7063 16th Street, Jupiter. His

Social Security number is known and his last occupation was in maintenance. His warrant was active as of March 1, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of William Casey Roberts or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 613 complaints and gave 83 traffic citations the week of February 28 - March 5.

Those arrested include:
February 28 - Ernest Butler, 21, strong arm robbery; Christopher Day, 19, grand theft auto; Greg Ashley, 32, failure to appear on charges of opposing by a disguised person, driving with license suspended or revoked and loitering and prowling; Juvenile, 17, warrants for battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence and for grand theft auto; Juvenile, 11, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon; Eliote Salomon, 31, warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment and domestic battery and charges again for domestic battery; Camille Geiger, 36, leaving the scene of an accident with injuries.

February 29 - Anthony McPhee, 28, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and failure to appear on charges of opposing by a disguised person; Johnny Pearson, 54, domestic battery; Emanuel Joseph, 23, aggravated battery; Sebastian Griffin, 29, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana; Christopher Cardin, 40, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and violation of probation.

March 1 - Johnnie Walker, 20, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and failure to appear on charges of no or improper driver's license; Delidre Wade, 18, failure to appear on charges of battery; Juvenile, 17, grand theft auto.

March 2 - Curtis Fogleman, 34, aggravated domestic battery.

March 3 - Juvenile, 11, battery and aggravated battery.

March 4 - Malio Cabrera, 53, assault on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest without violence; Christopher Adley, 28, petty theft; Charina Tabios, 29, domestic battery; Daniel Villanueva, 34, driving under the influence; Juvenile, 17, robbery with a weapon; Theresa Sanders, 40, aggravated domestic battery.

March 5 - Nathaniel Waters, 43, loitering and prowling; Gregory Galmers, 35, contempt of court; Ruben Sanchez, 30, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 168 calls, issued 8 traffic citations and made 13 arrests the week of February 28-March 5.

Those arrested include:
February 28 - Michael Wheeler, 40, domestic battery; Jay Koepke, 24, driving under the influence; Lee Young, 31, warrant for grand theft; Francisco Maldananaldo, 34, domestic battery on a pregnant female.

February 29 - Larry Robertson, 46, violation of an injunction for protection and domestic violence.

March 1 - Jerome Powell, 50, burglary to a conveyance.

March 2 - No arrests made.

March 3 - Lacintrice Pitts, 22, possession of marijuana.

March 4 - Douglas Thompson, 38, disorderly intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation; Sidney McKinney, 66, warrant; Roy Gonzales, 28, domestic battery.

March 5 - Isaac Smith, 30, possession of drug paraphernalia; Mardelo Rodriguez, 29, aggravated assault; Isavaro Jimenez, 28, assault and tampering with evidence.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 5 arrests the week of February 27-March 4.

Those arrested include:

February 27 - No arrests made.

February 28 - No arrests made.

February 29 - No arrests made.

March 1 - Juvenile, 16, strong arm robbery.

March 2 - Christopher Day, 19, burglary; Joseph L. Tobey, 52, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

March 3 - No arrests made.

March 4 - Juvenile, 17, warrant for battery; James Edward Demps, 20, warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's made 6 arrests the week of February 28-March 5.

Those arrested include:

February 28 - No arrests made.

February 29 - No arrests made.

March 1 - No arrests made.

March 2 - Bobby Dunnaway, 44, at large, carrying a concealed weapon.

March 3 - Jessie Bainsan, 31, Belle Glade, violation of probation low assault.

March 4 - Anthony Brown, 24, Belle Glade, possession of marijuana; James Edward Demps, 20, South Bay, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

March 5 - Jessica Rae Bryman, 21, Lake Worth, grand theft.

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PENNIES ARE HEAVENLY. Students at Gove Elementary raised almost \$2,000 in a penny drive to purchase a computer and software for the Spanish library section. Grades K5 through 6th competed in February (because it's Lincoln's birthday) to see who could gather the most pennies. The K5 class placed first, third graders came in second. The money was weighed and taken to Bank of Belle Glade to be deposited. All the winners were treated to an ice cream party on Friday, March 3. Shown, from right to left are Lee Mikell with the Bank of Belle Glade, Karen McCarthy, Berta Alvarez and Silvia Rodriguez.

Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



Virtual School Fair
Feb. 21-March 31

Our school cordially invites you and your family to participate in the first ever Virtual School Fair. Even distant friends and family can participate and support our school. Best of all, the fair is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until March 31. All you need to do is select our school (#00198413) at the SchoolCash.com website. Every time you purchase any book from Amazon, starting at the SchoolCash Website, our school will earn 20 percent of the purchase price. In addition to the generous rebate to our school, you will enjoy Amazon's low prices and service. Plus, when you visit www.schoolcash.com our school earns generous cash rebates on every purchase you make from such household names as JC Penney, Lands' End, L.L. Bean, ToysRUs, eToys, OfficeMax.com, drugstore.com, Outpost.com, etc. So we hope to see you soon online at the Virtual School Fair where the benefits to your family and our school are quite real.

Science Fair

Congratulations to the winners of our 6th Grade Science Fair. Heather Hedrick was the grand prize winner with her experiment on "Temperature Color Variations." Lucinda Adelson's "Egg in a Bottle" won first prize. Aaron Walden, James Towell and Christian Gonzalez won second prize with their group project, "Drinkable Iron." "Heart Rock," a group project done by Josie Almazan, and Amanda Martinez won third prize. A special thanks to our science teacher, Mr. John Williams, for his help and excellent instruction in the process of scientific investigation.

Boys Town of South Florida

Boys Town Family Centered Services offers free help to Gove Elementary's families. Family Centered Services provides trained family consultants who can help families manage time more effectively, communicate better and help children solve problems easier. If you are interested in receiving this help, please contact Mrs. Lawton-Smith at 993-4042 for more information.

Raising a Successful Reader

What is the best way to help your child become a successful reader? Read, Read, and Read some more! Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. So read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder—even a passion for reading. Remember...You are never too old, too wacky, too wild to pick up a book and read to a child. (Read Across America an NEA Project: The Cat in the Hat and Dr. Seuss Enterprises IP1987).

Read Across America

We are happy to announce the Wellington Landings Middle School once again adopted Gove Elementary for the Read Across America program. In honor of the late Dr. Seuss, March 2 was designated as national "Read Across America." Ten readers, all members of the Student Council, read in each of the classrooms, sharing their favorite Dr. Seuss book with our students. The students also brought with them stickers, balloons and hats all in memory of Dr. Seuss. Wellington Landings also donated over 2000 books to our school. A special thanks to the Student Council of Wellington Landings Middle School for a job well done!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many community volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to come to our school to read and to First Union for donating the wonderful packages of goodies for our students. On behalf of the faculty, staff and student body, Thank you, Gracias, Mercí!

A Magic Carpet Ride

Thanks to Mrs. Skeberis and Ms. Lockhart's K-1 class our students had the opportunity to take a magic carpet ride in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The students did a wonderful job singing and acting out several of his books and stressing the fact that books can take you places. At the end of the program, a big birthday cake was presented to the famous "Cat in the Hat." The musical program was under the direction of Dr. Gastesi.

Upcoming events

- 39-SAC at 6:30 p.m.
- 313-317-Spring Vacation
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The Clewiston Recreation Department is sponsoring a tennis tournament, beginning March 22 at 6 p.m. at the city tennis courts. Competition will include ladies doubles, mens doubles and mixed doubles.

Cost is \$10 per person and one can of balls. To register call 983-1492 or 983-1728. Registration

ends March 20. Proceeds to benefit Clewiston Tiger Tennis Team.

The Recreation Department is also offering Lifeguard Training classes beginning March 22 at 6 p.m. The first meeting will be held at the Clewiston Youth Center. Cost per person is \$65. Space is limited so call 983-1492 to register now.

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Terry Calsetta, left, and Glades General CEO Ed Purcell and members of the hospital's Pink Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$1,000 to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to sponsor the "Do the Right Thing" program recognizing Glades area students for good behavior. The next "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony will be held at Belle Glade Elementary, Monday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Health Department getting ready for school immunizations

Some say it is too early to think about the next school year but the Palm Beach County Health Department is already gearing up to remind parents about the required immunizations children need for school.

During the 1999-2000 school year in Palm Beach County, 95 percent of Kindergarten students completed their required shots and the remaining 5 percent were granted either temporary or permanent exemptions for health or other related reasons. According to School Health Director Dr. Marsha Fishbane, M.D., "These numbers reflect about a five percent increase over the previous year which can be attributed in large measure to the School District's cooperation with the no shots, no school policy." Dr. Fishbane also pointed out that

the majority of temporary exemptions have now compiled and also suggested that parents have their children immunized early to avoid the temporary exemptions process.

The Palm Beach County Health Department offers free immunizations to children under 18 years throughout the year at all of its five clinics and weekly at various locations through its immunization van which is sponsored by area Kiwanis, staffed by nurses and supervised by the Health Department. However, as more people become aware of the need for immunizations, the need grows for more volunteer nurses to give the shots. The health department is offering nurse volunteers the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units, which are required to maintain their

licenses and at the same time perform an important service to the community.

An information session will take place March 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Health Education Center located in Lake Worth. Information on how to become a part of the immunization program as a nurse volunteer can be obtained by calling the Palm Beach County Health Department at (561) 355-3145.

The immunization hot line for times and locations where children can be immunized is 930-3344.

The Palm Beach County Health Department is a State of Florida, Palm Beach County and privately supported agency dedicated to the good health of all citizens.

Mary E. Jones awarded child care credential

Mary E. Jones, of Jones Family Day Care of Pahokee, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognition of the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations. Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's

physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center-based care as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under 5 years old.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write the Council for Professional Recognition at 2460 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-3575, or call (202) 266-9090.

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Alicia Cisneros of Belle Glade wins McDonald's scholarship to PBCC

McDonald's has awarded Alicia Cisneros of Belle Glade with its 1999-2000 McDonald's scholarship to Palm Beach Community College (PBCC). Cisneros plans to study business administration.

McDonald's established the program with the Palm Beach Community College Foundation to support and encourage young people who've shown a dedication to furthering their education and making positive contributions. The program is funded by Palm Beach County McDonald's owner/operators including Jim Booth, Michael DeFrank, Keith Melton, Steve Nisbet and Paul Raffa.

The recently awarded PBCC full year, \$1300 scholarship, which is given on the basis of academic merit and financial need, is applied toward tuition, books and supplies. It is one of several scholarship initiatives by McDonald's. Others include an annual scholarship awarded to a Treasure Coast student at Indian River Community College and HRCER, a scholarship program for Hispanic students through Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). RMHC also

funded IRCC scholarships under the SOAR program that commits college educations to economically disadvantaged 8th and 9th graders.

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Sports this week



The Pahokee Blue Devils flag football team includes, front row, Tiffany Wallace (27) and Joselyn Brown (10); second row, Adonius Dasher (30) and Lashonda Kelly (1) and back row, Courtney Gibson (28) and Delicious Martin (25).

Pahokee Blue Devils flag football team has winning streak

By Robbie Everett

Just when you thought football season was over, Palm Beach County started its second season of female flag football. Eighteen schools are participating this season.

The Pahokee Blue Devils Girls Flag Football team defeated the Palm Beach Lake Rams 38-18 last Friday night at Lair Field. The Blue Devils girls have a three game winning streak this season. In last Tuesday's game the Blue Devils defeated Sentinels 41-6.

Joselyn Brown and Courtney Gibson shared the responsibility of quarterback and together they

accounted for 22 of the Blue Devils 38 points. Courtney scored a touch down and a two-point conversion with three catches and two touch-downs. Sonya Jova scored a touch-down and was all over the field on defense, leading all players with seven flag tackles and one interception.

Shameria Johnson had four defensive stops, followed by Tiffany Wallace, Adonius Dasher and Candace Miller with two each. Miller also had an interception.

Other members of the team include Delicious Martin, Payvelle Pringle, Danielle Odum and

Lashonda Kelly.

The Blue Devils next game is away. The team will travel to Boca Raton Thursday, March 9 to face Olympic Heights at 6 p.m.

After Spring Break, March 21, the Blue Devils are at home against the Royal Palm Beach Wildcats.

The girls look forward to seeing friends and family at the games as they embark on a new athletic program.

The Female Muck Bowl will take place, Friday, March 31. The playoffs start on April 7, culminating with the Super Bowl on April 14.



Glades Central Lady Raider's softball team includes Krystal House (15), Leticia Ramirez (4), Kenya Robinson (1), Twanasha Rumph (6), Erica Thomas (9), Natoisha Lawrence (16), Carnisha Lawrence (8), Shawanda Lawrence (20), Yorie Lee (13), Charite Chery (2), Maria Diez (11) with Coach Juanita Anderson. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)



The Glades Central Raiders baseball team includes, back row left to right, Coach Kenny Lutz, Jose Rodriguez (15), Amos Small (17), Jatavious Abrams (5), Greg Monroe, Jr. (10), Javan Patrick (12), Carlos Roque (7); front row, Zedrick Weston (9), D. Bailey (1), Del'Von Meredith (4), Taranza McKelvin (2), Morris Burden (6), Antonio Key (30) and Head Coach Greg Laws. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

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Glades Day Alumni weekend slated for March 25-26

Glades Day School is calling upon all alumni to join in the annual festivities to be held Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26 at the school.

A cash drawing, baseball game, and volleyball and golf tournaments will be offered along with a barbecue and amusement rides for small children.

Tickets are now being sold for the cash drawing, which includes a grand prize of \$8,000 for the last number drawn from a pot of 525 tickets. There will also be other

chances to win cash up to \$1,000. Tickets are \$50 each and are available from the school's finance office at (561) 996-6029.

The weekend's events will begin with the annual Scramble Golf Tournament that will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course that Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee, which includes lunch, is \$35 for club members, \$40 for non-members.

Sunday's activities will include a barbecue as well as alumni baseball and volleyball games,

with the volleyball matches beginning at 1 p.m. The volleyball entry fee is \$100 for a team of 10 players. In addition to GDS alumni and spouses, the volleyball tournament is also open to all Christian Day alumni and spouses.

The entry fee for the alumni baseball game is \$25 and will include a hat or T-shirt. It is also open to all GDS and CDS alumni and their spouses. The game will begin at 2 p.m.

Those who may be hungry

before or after the games may want to take advantage of the barbecue that will be held Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and will include barbecue chicken with all the trimmings.

For the kids, there will be an assortment of children's carnival rides at a nominal cost. The rides will include a 90-foot slide, Moon Bounce House, Ball Crawl and a Maze.

For more information, please call Rebecca Rionda at (561) 996-6029.

Obituaries

Elías James "Jimmy" Taylor, 88, of Belle Glade died Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at Glades General Hospital. Mr. Taylor was born in Brundidge, Ala. in 1911. He had been a resident of Belle Glade since 1959. A painting contractor for many years, Mr. Taylor was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and The American Legion, having served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Pearl, of Belle Glade; a daughter, Joan Elizabeth Taylor Lyons of Murphys, Calif.; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday, March 6 at Glades Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade with Rev. Gary Folds and Rev. Harold Taylor officiating. Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Jorge P. Silva, 86, of Belle Glade died Friday, March 3, 2000 at Health South Doctors Hospital in Miami. Mr. Silva had been a resident of Belle Glade for more than 36 years, coming here from Cuba. He was an engineer and had been employed for many years by Hutcheson Engineering.

Mr. Silva was preceded in death by his wife, Silvia, and is survived by a son, Jorge A. Silva of Belle Glade. Mr. Silva leaves two granddaughters, Lea S. Grassi and Ivette Bocher of Virginia; a grandson, George C. Silva of Ocala and two great grandchildren, Micalea Grassi and Alicia Bocher of Virginia. Mr. Silva also leaves behind a host of friends and relatives.

Mass was held Tuesday, March 7 at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, Belle Glade, with Father Luis Ainetto officiating. Interment followed at Foreverglades Cemetery, Belle Glade. Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Grant Van Sickle, Sr., 71, of Belle Glade died Thursday, March 2, 2000 at his home in Belle Glade after an extended illness. Mr. Van Sickle had been a resident of Belle Glade since moving from Lake Worth in 1934. He was self-employed as a truck driver hauling heavy equipment until retiring several years ago.

Mr. Van Sickle is survived by his wife, Anna Van Sickle of Belle Glade; two sons, Grant Van Sickle, Jr. of Clewiston and Norval Van Sickle of Florence, S.C.; three daughters, Karen Muz of Weshlax, Texas, Vickie Van Sickle of Homosassa Springs and Marlene Lecker of Sebring; two stepsons, Levi and Billy Miller of Clewiston; three stepdaughters, Kelly Miller and MaryLynn Bolix both of Belle Glade and Linda Cloutier of Greenville, Tenn. A son, John Douglas Van Sickle, preceded him in death.

Mr. Van Sickle also leaves behind two brothers, Garland Van Sickle and John Daniel Van Sickle, Jr., both of Wachula; a sister, Minnie Page of Perry, seventeen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 4 in the chapel of Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home, Belle Glade. Rev. Don Hamilton, pastor of Turning Point Church of God, Clewiston, officiated. Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Armando Navarro, 79, formerly of Belle Glade, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee. Mr. Navarro was born April 24, 1920 in Cuba. The Navarro family moved to Belle Glade in 1969 and moved to Royal Palm Beach after he retired from the sugar industry.

Mr. Navarro is survived by his wife of 53 years Maria; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fernando and Maria Navarro and Sergio and Debbie Navarro of Royal Palm Beach; brothers Orestes, Benigno and Nestor all of the Glades area and two sisters, Maria and Dora of Cuba.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 4 at the Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Alberto Lopez of the Iglesia de Dios Church, Royal Palm Beach, officiating. Interment followed at Foreverglades Cemetery, Belle Glade. Kraemer-Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Marie Rogan, 86, of Belle Glade died Feb. 29, 2000 at G.W. Gerstenberg Hospice of Palm Beach County. She was born in St. Marys, Penn., Feb. 27, 1914, the daughter of Fred and Regina Wells. She was married to Richard Rogan Aug. 22, 1937, who preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1987. Mrs. Rogan is survived by three children, Mary Kathryn (Perry) Gimp of Morrisstown, Penn., Sister Patricia Rogan of Belle Glade and Lawrence Rogan of St. Marys, Penn.; four grandchildren, Ann White, Kathy Fortesque, Robert Rogan and Debra A. Rogan; four great grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Bauer of Boynton Beach, Mary Harlan of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Patricia Steinhagan of St. Marys, Penn. and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass was held at St. Philip Benizi Church in Belle Glade March 1. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17210, Baltimore, Md. 21298-9691 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Chicago, Ill. 60611.



The Gibbs Family to perform at Miracle Temple March 11

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Approximately four years ago Tim Gibbs, who was singing with The Southern Song boys and his son Vernon, who was singing with the Meridians, began to seek the Lord concerning their own family ministry in Southern Gospel Music. The Gibbs Family began ministering through song in churches

and Christian functions.

The Gibbs Family are Native Americans (Cherokee) and are all members of Temple Baptist Church in Titusville. Today the group consists of Tim Gibbs, who plays lead guitar and sings lead, his son Vernon Gibbs, who plays bass guitar and sings bass, Vernon's wife Susan who sings soprano, Vernon and Susan's daughter, Natasha sings alto. Their sons Vernon, Jr. and Timothy play drums, harmonicas and guitar and occasionally sing. Phillip Dillon

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Palms West Hospital supports the ninth annual Heart Ball

As the members of the western communities prepare for the ninth annual Heart Ball, Palms West Hospital continues its work in cardiac care. Three and a half years ago Joe Rizzo was brought on board at Palms West Hospital to develop a cardiac catheterization program. Palms West now has an extensive program to meet the growing needs of the western communities. Some of the procedures performed include Echocardiograms, checking function and structure of the heart and valves. Stress tests both chemical and exercise determine if the heart can tolerate a heavy workload, and a cardiac catheterization with approximately 35-40 performed each month. Plans are under way for a future Cardiac Surgery program.

Palms West Hospital has set up educational programs to coincide with the mission of the American Heart Association. Every other month there are classes being scheduled to educate patients. The primary focus of these classes is to teach patients about lipids, congestive heart failure, medication types and effects and the nutritional implications. These forums are to educate and achieve interaction between the patients, nurses, pharmacists and dietitians.



Joe Rizzo, director of the Cardiac Catheterization lab and Joyce Aab, chief nursing officer at Palms West, will be participating in the ninth annual Heart Ball to benefit the American Heart Association on Saturday, March 11 at the Wycliffe Golf and Country Club.

The American Heart Association is committed to funding research to learn more about how to prevent and treat heart disease and stroke. Much has been accomplished, but more needs to be done to educate all Americans on the benefits of cardiovascular health. The Heart Association encourages the public to attend the "Heart of the Islands Ball" benefiting the American Heart Association Saturday, March 11 at Wycliffe Golf and Country Club.

The Heart Association's goal is to raise \$100,000 during the event to help continue the lifesaving research and educating the western communities about cardiovascular disease.

Commissioner Tony and Sue Masilotti and Ken and Anita Foster, together with honorary-vicar Wellington Mayor Carmine Priore are hosts of the event.

Tickets are \$175 per person and are available by calling Tara Lynn Guido, American Heart Association, (561) 655-8155.

Heart of the Islands Ball slated for March 11 at Wycliffe Country Club

The "Heart of the Islands" Ball, to benefit the American Heart Association of Palm Beach County will be held March 11 at the Wycliffe Golf and Country Club.

Please join Co-Chairs Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti and his wife Sue and Ken and Anita Foster and Honorary Victor Wellington Mayor Carmine Priore in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

For ticket information please call Tara Lynn Guido at the American Heart Association (561) 655-8155 for tickets. Cost is \$175 per person.

The event is being sponsored by Arthur Andersen, B/E Aerospace, Minto Communities, Palms West Hospital, Slim Fast Foods and Wellington Regional Hospital.

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The New Shanghai Circus was born out of a 2500-year-old Chinese tradition of acrobatic circus, which combines artistry and athleticism.

They will bring their incredible talent to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's stage on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Trained from an early age, the Chinese acrobats dedicate their life to the physical rigors of training to present to the eager audience amazing feats with grace and ease. The acrobatic troupes of China, one of the premiere attractions of China next to the Great Wall, have

entertained the world's leaders, such as President Carter and President Nixon, during their visits to China.

During the summer of 1998, the New Shanghai Circus spent their time in Branson, Missouri delighting millions of fans from the midwest. Last spring, they made history by becoming the first Chinese acrobatic troupe ever to headline on Broadway at the New Victory Theatre.

The highly skilled, rigorously trained and superbly talented performers of the New Shanghai Circus follow an unbroken tradi-

tion since 700 B.C. From the contortionist to the plate spinner to the traditional Dragon Dancers, this full production imported directly from mainland China is sure to please adults and youngsters alike.

Showtime for the New Shanghai Circus is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, and tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for students and children.

Reserve your tickets now by calling the Dolly Hand box office at 992-6160 or 992-6161.



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Applications for Black Gold events

Numerous activities are planned for the 200 Black Gold Jubilee.

Anyone needing an application for the tennis tournament, volleyball, arts and crafts booths, Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, the Photography Contest, parade, 5K Walk/Run, Children's Fishing contest, or any other event can pick one up at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.

Spring Ball

As part of the annual Festival of Afro Arts of the Glades, the Zeta Amice's will sponsor a Spring Ball.

The ball will be March 11 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lake Shore Civic Center. The theme for the evening is "A Night For Lovers" and the dress is casual evening wear. Donation is \$10.

For more information or tickets, contact Mary Carrigan at 992-0761 or any member of Zeta Amice's.

Euphine's Morris Scholarship Gospel Explosion

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring a Euphine's Morris Scholarship Gospel Explosion on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m. at the Inspiration Church of God in South Bay.

Church choirs and soloists who wish to participate should contact Sharon Brown at 996-3331, Joan Bass, 996-6343 or Shirley Morris at 996-8435.

Applications for the Euphine's Morris Scholarship are available at Glades Central and Pahokee High School in the Career Center for any young lady interested in attending the Dudley Cosmetology School or any cosmetology school.

NCAA Game Breaker 2000 Tournament

The Glades Festival of Afro Arts presents its first Game Breaker 2000 Tournament.

The committee is seeking the best Sony Playstation gamers to participate. The tournament will take place on Saturday, March 18. Registration fee is \$20 and the deadline to enter the competition is March 11.

For information or to register, contact Albert Harper III at 924-5282 or Lawanda Everett at 924-3126.

Census Bureau Road Tour

The Palm Beach County Complete Count Committee has undertaken a public education campaign for Census 2000. The

Palm Beach trooper named Trooper of Year

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Neil P. Moore, Troop K, West Palm Beach has been selected as the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) "Trooper of the Year" award for his lifesaving actions at the scene of a traffic crash.

On Oct. 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m., Trooper Moore came upon a traffic crash on the Florida Turnpike at the 104 mile marker south bound in Palm Beach County. Trooper Moore immediately determined that the crashed vehicle had ended up submerged in a canal with the driver trapped inside.

After calling for assistance and with the help of two civilians was able to dive into the canal and rescue the driver.

Road Tour will be in the Glades on March 18 and 19. On March 18 at 6 p.m. they will be at the Louisa V. Work Branch Library, 525 Bacon Point Road. On March 19 at 6 p.m. they will be at the Clarence Anthony Library, 375 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay.

Booth space available for Black Gold Jubilee

Vendor booth applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be held April 15. Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or by calling 993-3343.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

Class of 1981 event

The Class of 1981 from Glades Central will host "Pajamas Jam" on Saturday, March 18 at Club 21, 1633 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade. The event begins at 9 p.m. and admission is \$5.

The class will also be hosting a meeting on Sunday, March 5 at Pioneer Park at 4 p.m. for class members and everyone is invited.

For more information, call 996-4313.

Before Care program at Boys & Girls Club

The Belle Glade Teen Club announces the start up of a Middle School Before Care program. Staff members will be available to provide a safe, positive place for children at the Teen Club located at Lake Shore Civic Center for students ages 11-14.

Care will be provided from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per child, which includes a free trip to the Rapids.

For additional information, please contact Ken Funderburk at 992-5399.

Children's Day 2000 in the Glades

In conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child" April 9-15, there will be a Children's Day 2000 in the Glades on Friday, April 14 at Rardin Park in Belle Glade.

Special guest will be Ronald McDonald and a live concert performance by "Ms. Maggie." There will also be a bounce house and games for the children.

Gospel group to perform at Miracle Temple

The Gibbs Family, a Native American Southern Gospel Group, will perform at Miracle Temple, 104 S.W. 16th Street (SR 715), March 11 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"I Believe I Can Fly"

Due to the overwhelming success, Kathryn E. Cunningham, Canal Point Elementary School is presenting the "I Believe I Can Fly," Black History Program again on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents, friends and interested community members are invited to come out to this encore performance.

Church opening

Pastor Fred G. Gamble and Sister Patricia Gamble and the church family invite everyone to attend the dedication service for True Vine Church on March 19 at 4 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 10th Street and Carolina Ave, Clewiston in Harlem.

For more information please call 863-983-7495.

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